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POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
The Nineth Chapter
HEART GOLD & SOUL SILVER
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VS AIPOM

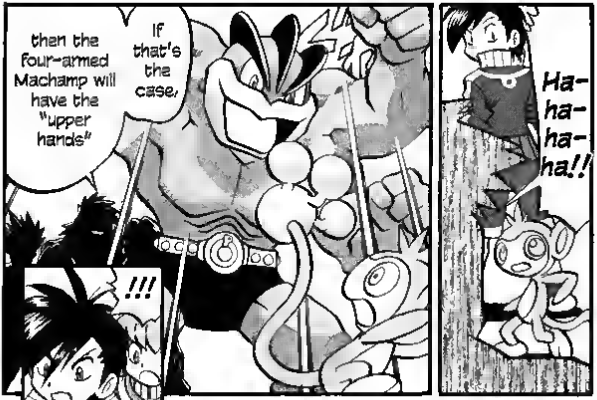
What a happy surprise, Mary!
What is it? Is something wrong?
Oh, what a surprise...!
!!
Mr. Magnus!

I glad to have opened the Poke-athlon here in Johto!!
To see a Pokeathlete with such a glimmer in his eyes...

Oh, I see!
Yep, since he also asked me to take him here
Whitney! Were you competing?
Mary!

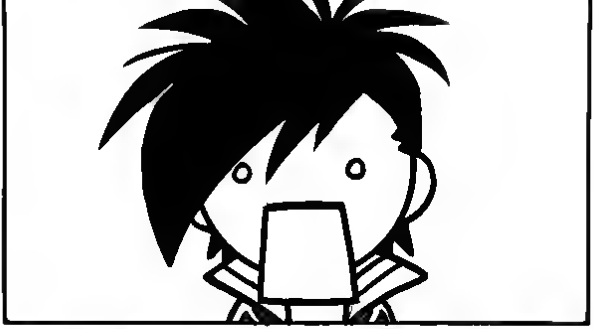
Let's see
Well? Do you know what course you're gonna challenge next?
Excuse me Mr Magnus
I see Well, I have to return to the broadcast
Oh, yes
If I leave him alone, he'll cause trouble, so I gotta keep a close watch on him!

I want something that has a throwing contest like the Skill Course
After all, Aipom can throw with his hands and his tail!
He'll have the upper hand!!


If that's the case,
then the four-armed Machamp will have the "upper hands"
!!!
Ha-ha-ha-ha!!

Um, they're ...
H-How rude!!
Y-You fool! They're the really famous trainers!!
Who are you guys?
Y-You guys are...

Karen,
Bruno,
Will,
and Koga
Together, they're the "Elite Four"
Yep!
All four of us have illustrious pasts, but we've talked with the Pokemon Association, and now we work for them
We've been given the task of checking the strength of all who come to the Pokemon league
Our goal is "to help wholesome trainers" Funny, huh
We have to promote the league and help out with the Pokeathlon
Hmm? I don't understand what that means
Does this mean that you compete against people?
Do you want to challenge the next course with us?
Oh?
You bet!!



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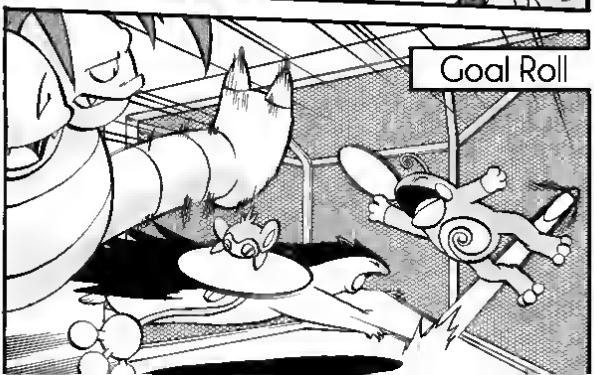
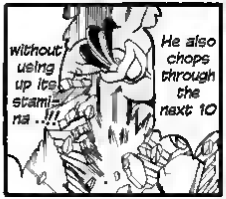
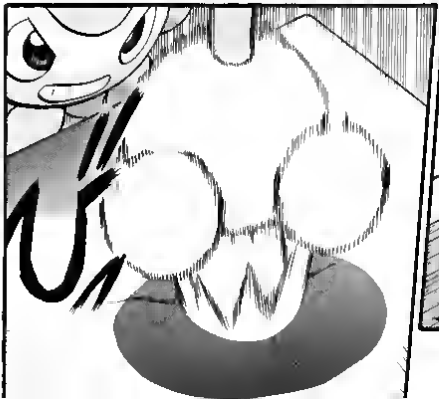
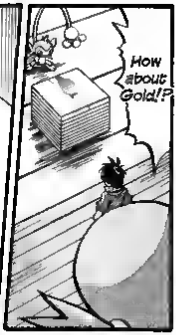

Goal Roll

won't lose to him!!
But his competitors, Bruno, Koga, and Will,
is challenging the last course, Power!!
Competitor Gold, who got good scores in the Skill, Jump, Stamina, and Speed courses...
He's not getting any points!
Can competitor Gold pull ahead of his powerful opponents?
The last event of the Power course is the Block Smash!!
This is where Bruno will shine
...
The Pokemon break sets of 10 blocks. The trainer can freely switch his Pokemon out in a fixed order ..

Hehe
A-All 10 in one blow...!!


without using up its stamina..!!!
He also chops through the next 10




How about Gold!?

Poltaro! switch!!
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Even then, the gap between them is getting larger!!
This isn't good! The only one that's even in the same ballpark as Machamp is Typhlosion!
Switch! Explo-taro!!
...
Ata-ro!!
Swit-ch!!

W-Why!? Why didn't he stay with Typhlosion!?
It's over
Heh
He-heh
What's so funny!?
Well,
I knew that I couldn't win against you in power right after the event started
That's why
I had to find another way to make up for that and fight back!!

That's where Ataro comes in
Even if its attacks are weak,
it can continue to hammer away at the dead center of the block!
It has kept landing critical hits!!
And it's still landing even more!!

If they go into High Tension mode...
The tension of his team is rising!!
This means that
Hm!!

Then they'll get enough power to fight back!!

He's catching up to Bruno!!
Wow !!

MWO-OOA-AHH!!
He doesn't have as many arms as Mach-amp, but the problem isn't in the number!!
He's aiming for a hit through the dead center:
a critical hit!!
What a turn-around!! The winner of the Power course is also competitor Gold!!
Well done!
Con-grats!!
Piece of cake
Huh?
By the way, can you finally tell me?
That was splendid, Gold
A man like you wouldn't come here for mere sports, right?
Why did you come to this place?

What? Is that true?
I had no idea...
I could see it in your eyes
You knew? How?
Huh!?
.....
He's going to give me information about Arceus
I'm waiting for a man called Lance